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BOSTON RECEIPTS PLENTIFUL TODAY

Prices Fair For This Time of
the Year.

Twenty-four arrivals of vessels were at Boston this morning when the dealers opened up, aggregating over 600,000 pounds of fish mostly fresh, the largest fare being 62,000 pounds in sch. Benj. F. Phillips. Trade started off briskly with prices fair for this time of the season.

Only one trip of swordfish was landed, sch. Valentinna having 39 fish. Sch. Agnes, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, had 25,000 pounds of halibut, it being the only halibut fare in, besides 16,000 pounds fresh mixed fish, and 10,000 pounds of salt cod. There were no sales on halibut early this morning.

Among the ground fish trips are schs. Manomet, Jessie Costa, William A. Morse, Rose Dorothea, Harvester and Aspinet. The steam beam trawler Spray is also at Boston with a mixed fare of haddock and cod.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Boston Arrivals.

Sloop Marion, 200 haddock, 1090 cod.
Sloop Two Sisters, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Esther Gray, 18,000 pollock.
Sch. Actor.
Sch. Eva Avina, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Priscilla, 7000 pollock.
Sch. Manomet, 5000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 16,000 hake.
Sch. Jessie Costa, 12,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 18,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 15,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Eva L. Spurr, 12,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Viola, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 20,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. William A. Morse, 20,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 15,000 hake.
Steamer Spray, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Agnes, 8000 cod, 8000 hake, 25,000 halibut, 10,000 salt cod.
Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
Sch. Harvester, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Valentinna, 39 swordfish.
Sch. James and Esther, 21,000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 15,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Aspinet, 14,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 28,000 cusk.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 14,000 cod.
Haddock, \$1 to \$1.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.25; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, 70 cents to \$1; cusk, \$2; pollock \$1.

Portland Fish News.

The fishing schooner Watauga, which has been on a long cruise to the eastward in search of swordfish, returned to Portland Friday empty. She went as far as Halifax, but did not strike a fish.

Large schools of herring were seen off Cape Elizabeth yesterday and the dealers expect to hear of some good catches today.

With 50,000 pounds of mixed fish and 10,000 pounds of halibut the largest amount brought into port for over two weeks the big fishing schooner Paragon crept into Portland Friday morning through the heavy fog which hung over the water. The only other arrival was the Bernie and Bessie which brought in 7000 pounds of mixed fish. The Paragon's fare was needed badly by the dealers as there has been a shortage in mixed fish for several days.

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The Biggest Flounder.

The largest flounder ever seen at Plum Island was brought in by Fred Coffin Sunday. The fish was caught near the mouth of the basin and measured 22 1/2 inches long and 12 inches wide, and weighed six pounds. Quite a number of fishermen along the shore came over to the dike to see this king of the flounder tribe and all agreed that it was the biggest catch of the season.

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ICEBERGS ON THE GRAND BANKS

Ocean Steamers Report
Them As Being Unusually
Numerous.

Seriously Interfere
With Operations of
the Fishing Fleet.

Somewhere not many miles east of Boston the ocean is thickly strewn with wreck-creators—icebergs that would quickly send to the bottom the staunchest ship. Incoming liners report the August flow of ice masses almost as great as in early summer, when glacial fragments are looked for as part of the difficulties encountered in crossing the western ocean.

Within a week or two steamships arriving in Boston have reported ice in the region of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The Numidian, Capt. Moar, from Glasgow, passed within a mile of a berg that loomed high and was at least a mile long. The Bohemian, Capt. McCallum, from Liverpool, also passed near a monster ice mass, and the sea in its vicinity was thickly strewn with islets of ice formed by the disintegration of the great glistening waif.

During the first week in August icebergs were more plentiful off Newfoundland than at the same time in any year of the past quarter century. The eastern seaboard, according to hydrographic reports, is hemmed in by heavy masses of crystal that would destroy any craft thrown against them. One ship that arrived in Boston within a month was in the midst of a field of 100 bergs. Recently a ship at New York reported counting 1000 bergs and islets during 24 hours.

Interfered with Fisheries.

Navigation along the Canadian route has been seriously hampered during the summer by these menaces. Belle Isle strait has been closed till unusually late period and Labrador waters have been rendered very dangerous. The fishing fleet from Boston and Gloucester has been unable to operate there and the 1500 vessels, employing 25,000 persons, have had a poor run of luck in waters where business is ordinarily carried on with slight danger. Long continuance of the ice pack will seriously curtail the catch of cod.

The Labrador fishery represents one-third the catch of cod by the people of Newfoundland, and the season is short at best. The situation is causing much concern. Not since 1863 has there been any approach to present conditions, and in that year much less inconvenience was felt, as business relations did not demand such regular communication as at present. No one attempts to explain why these ice conditions exist in certain years and not in others.

The worst feature of the situation is that all bergs are drifting south into the track of Boston and New York liners. Fog follows ice and the more icebergs the more fog enshrouds the sea. Mist that always overhangs the Grand Banks is due to the steam generated by the commingling of the gulf stream with the Arctic current with its burden of ice.

Bergs recently reported have been of monster size and the larger they are the longer time is required for them to melt and the farther south they are carried before disappearing.

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PORTUGUESE MARKET CRAFT.

Several of the Boats Made Fine Stocks
Last Week.

The local vessels of the Portuguese market fishing fleet are still keeping up their big work and as a result of their fares landed last week have made more big money.

Here are some of the shares of the leading crafts:

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, \$61.
Sch. Belhina P. Domingoes, \$55.
Sch. Edith Silveira, \$60.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, \$60.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, \$60.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, \$43.

These crafts are now all ready for another trip, and this time will take frozen squid from the local freezer for bait.

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ARE CLAM LAWS VIOLATED?

Claim That Boston Greeks
Dig Here Unrestrictedly.

Do Greek fishermen, not residents and voters of this city, violate the laws in digging clams along the flats of Annisquam river, enjoying privileges, which are restricted in a measure to the citizens of this city, and residents of Essex county, is just at present agitating those who are interested in the clam industry?

It is claimed that such a condition prevails, and no steps have been taken to check it, the clams are being dug in large quantities, along the flats, and shipped to Boston, either as food or for fish bait.

Another act which those people are credited with is the catching of fish in Annisquam river by means of nets, another flagrant violation of the laws. For some time this clam digging practice has been in operation, the Greeks assembling in goodly numbers on the flats at low tide, and digging large quantities.

Last Sunday, no less than 11 were in one party, at the middle flats so-called, adjacent to the railroad track and opposite Wolf hill, and they labored with exceeding vigor, with the result that quite a haul was made. The local clam diggers don't as a rule operate Sundays, so that the fruits of this day's labors do not accrue to them, but is grabbed up by a body of men who have no legal right to work the flats, either Sunday or any other day.

It is claimed that many of those Greeks come from Boston and other places, remaining here only Sunday, and reap quite a rich harvest. Others of them it is learned live in this city, but have no acquired citizenship, and in fact some of them are not eligible as they can neither read or write. Residents of this city are of course permitted to dig the clams, for their own use and for market, but residents of the adjoining town of Essex cannot come here and take more than sufficient for their immediate use. Thus it is claimed that citizens of this country can dig in certain localities only limited quantities, yet those other men, foreigners, with no local ties, dig as much as they want without let or hindrance.

This is a condition which should be checked. This indiscriminate search of the flats would soon deplete them and leave them barren, although there is a law to protect them. If the citizens of this county cannot dig only a limited supply, certainly those who have no ties of kindred or otherwise should be subjected to the same restrictions at least, and the resident clam diggers should be protected.

This is a matter which should claim the immediate attention of those in authority and further violation of the character described should be punished. No half way measures should be used, but a prompt and summary treatment of the case is demanded not only by those whose bread and butter depend on the clam digging industry, but the interest of the community demand such a course of action.

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TWO SMALL CRUISERS.

According to Report Will Be Used
for Canadian Fisheries Protection.

Several stories are afloat regarding coming changes in the Canadian fishery protective service.

One story is to the effect that the cruiser Canada, the flagship of the Canadian navy, and protector of the fisheries along the Nova Scotia coast, will plough those waters no longer, but will do equally good service in other Canadian waters. Rumor now has it that she will go on service on the Great Lakes hereafter, but that her commander, Capt. Knowlton, and his crew will return later on and go into winter quarters at the Halifax dockyard.

The report further goes that hereafter the fisheries in this vicinity will be protected by two small cruisers or gun boats, one of which will be officered and manned by Capt. Knowlton and his crew, the latter being drilled at the dockyard during the winter with such a possibility in view for next season.

The Halifax Chronicle says: "This will not be good news for some of the Gloucester seining skippers who would prefer to see Capt. Knowlton remain on the lakes for service."

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SAT ON GUNWALE TILL RESCUED.

Capt. O'Neill of Sch. Valentinna Had
Encounter With Swordfish.

Two Men Asleep in Bunk Narrowly
Missed by Another Fish.

Capt. O'Neil of the swordfisherman Valentinna, which landed her fare at Boston yesterday, had a narrow escape recently while chasing a large swordfish, which plunged his sword through the side of the dory so that the craft filled with water and he was obliged to sit on the gunwale until his vessel came along and picked him up.

He went out in one of the dories himself to get a fish that had been fastened with the fly iron. It was medium sized and active. After trying to tire the captive out by rowing to the end of the buoy line and then pulling slowly back with it, the fish still showed no sign of giving up, and rowing again to the end of the line, he began to haul it in with force.

When within 10 feet of the dory, the fish shot forward, and before Capt. O'Neil knew what was taking place, it jabbed its long sword through the side of the craft and the inch and a half plank platform in the stern on which Capt. O'Neil was standing. The shock threw him into the bottom of the dory, and when he arose there was nine inches of the sword visible above the platform.

Capt. O'Neil took the "killer," a steel point shed pole used for such purpose, and jabbed it into the struggling swordfish repeatedly. He then broke off the part of the sword that was visible, but had to raise the platform and make a second break in the sword. When loose from the dory, the fish was wild and finally dove to the bottom with such force that it stuck the end of the sword, that remained into the mud and could not rise again.

Water began to flow into the dory through the hole in the side, and Capt. O'Neil was obliged to go to the bow and sit on the gunwale of the dory to get the hole above the water and wait there until his vessel came up to where he was.

He also told of a narrow escape from death of one of the three men of the catboat fisherman Mildred of Holmes Hole, which was related to him while on the fishing grounds. The three men were roused from their sleep by the noise of a pan falling, and the captain asked the man nearest why he kicked the pan. The man answered that he had not touched it, and as he rolled over his back came in contact with something sharp sticking from the floor at the side of his berth. When the light was lit the men saw that a swordfish had thrust its sword up through the bottom of the boat, just missing the berth, and came within a couple of inches of impaling the sleeping fisherman. The fish broke off its sword and escaped.

RED SNAPPER FISHERY.

Several From Here Will Soon Leave For Gulf Ports.

The winter red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico will soon be opened and shortly quite a number of our fishermen will take their accustomed jaunt to the warm southern climate, located at Pensacola, Mobile and Galveston and from out of these ports proceed to fish all winter in their shirt sleeves, returning here in the latter part of March and April.

The men who will go from here, will, as usual, number about 100. The first to leave is Capt. Frank Cooney, Jr., who started Saturday. He has spent many years out there and has been in command of some of the best crafts sailing from Pensacola, being one of the high liners of the business, in this respect emulating his estimable father, Capt. Frank Cooney of sch. Mary E. Cooney.

Last spring Capt. Cooney came up here and took command of sch. Almeida in the market and swordfishing branches and did quite well, but the call of the south has sounded strong to him and he is off for the red snappers again. He will probably command sch. Lottie S. Haskins, formerly of this port.

A number of men will go this week and others will follow soon after. The summer season down that way has been a poor one, but much is expected of the winter fishery.

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FOUR ARRIVALS AT BOSTON.

Pollock Largely Predominated in Fares.

Boston's fish story is an exceedingly brief one this morning, there being only four arrivals there aggregating less than a total of 20,000 pounds of fish, mostly pollock.

Haddock is selling from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per hundred weight while large cod are worth \$5. Pollock took a jump from yesterday, selling from \$2.10 to \$2.25, but the total fares landed does not exceed 10,000 pounds.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts in detail are as follows: Sloop Morning Star, 2000 pollock. Sloop Ignatius Enos, 6000 pollock. Str. City of Everett, 2000 pollock. Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 6000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock. Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$4; hake, \$2 to \$3.25; cusk, \$2.25; pollock, \$2.10 to \$2.25.

Dominion Fishing Intelligence.

Digby—Hake plenty; cod and haddock fair.
Liverpool—Cod and haddock fair; herring scarce.
Salmon River—Few herring reported; cod scarce.
Goldboro—Cod and herring fair.
Arischat—Few cod.
Descousse—Few mackerel.
Margaree—Cod and haddock fair; few large mackerel reported taken with jigs.
Port Hood—Cod, hake and herring fair.
Grand Manan, South Head—Herring reported in nets.
Grand Manan, Cheney's Head—Herring reported in nets.
Grand Manan, Seal Cove—Herring reported in traps.
Grand Manan, Grand Harbor—Herring reported in traps.
Escuminac Point—Cod fair.
Port Daniel—Cod and herring fair.
Gascons—Cod and herring fair.
Newport Point—Cod and herring fair.
Ste. Adelaide de Pabos—Cod fair; herring scarce.
Perce—Cod plenty; squid fair.

ARRIVALS FEW AT THIS PORT.

One From Boston and Two With Small Mackerel.

The local fish market is rather quiet today, especially after the big fares of yesterday, only one trip arriving since yesterday, sch. Corona, Capt. Horace Wildes, which craft brought down her salt and fresh fare of fish, after disposing of her halibut at T wharf.

Sch. Independence, IL, came in from Ipswich bay yesterday afternoon with 17 barrels of herring, and 160 fresh tinker mackerel. The steamer Bessie A. also got a small haul of about 180 tinkers in the bay, while one or two of the netters got a few fish.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are as follows:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Agnes, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh hake, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Independence IL, Ipswich Bay, 17 bbls. herring, 160 fresh tinker mackerel.
Str. Bessie A., Ipswich Bay, 180 fresh tinker mackerel.
Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, 17 barrels salt mackerel.
Sch. Actor, 2500 lbs. fresh pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mystery shacking.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, dory hand-lining.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

Cape North salt cod, large, \$3; mediums, \$2.75.
Outside sales fresh western cod, large, \$2; market, \$1.65; haddock, 65c and 67½c.
Outside sales, fresh eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium, \$1.40.
Outside sales salt Rips cod, \$3.60 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for mediums.
Salt dory handline codfish, large, \$3.25; mediums, \$3.
Outside sales of round pollock, 60c per cwt.
Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. right through.
Fetched halibut, \$1-4 cts. per lb.
Salt bullseyes, \$3.50 per bbl.
Salt large mackerel, late caught, rimmed, \$30 per bbl.
Salt small mackerel, \$20 per bbl.
Small fresh mackerel, 9c each.
Board of Trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; medium \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Easter drift salt cod, large \$3.25 per cwt., medium \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium, and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 75 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Harbor Notes.

Sch. Hattie A. Smith is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant was at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday with 275,000 lbs. salt fish.

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Lobster Cars Robbed.

Lobster dealers along the Maine coast are keeping their eyes open for a strange launch, said to belong in Boston, which it is believed is making a regular business of robbing lobster cars. It is reported that lobsters to the value of \$300 have been stolen recently from the cars at Port Clyde, and it is believed the launch above mentioned was concerned in it.

MADE RECORD STOCK IN PAST NINE MONTHS.

Capt. James D. Goodwin Has Unsurpassed Season's Work.

Stocked \$16,000 in Market Fishery and \$19,000 in Two Bank Trips.

Capt. James W. Goodwin, who has so successfully commanded sch. Ella M. Goodwin in the salt bank codfishery this season, will now take charge of the auxiliary sch. Benj. A. Smith and engage in the fresh market fishery. Capt. Goodwin, for the nine months of this year, has stocked \$35,000, which is a most remarkable record.

Capt. Goodwin commanded sch. Benjamin A. Smith last winter and stocked over \$16,000 in the fresh market fishery. Later he took charge of the Goodwin, and has made two trips, stocking in both a total of \$19,000. This is a most phenomenal record for nine months for fresh and salt fishing, which has possibly never been equaled by any vessel sailing out of this port in that length of time. Should his good luck continue, he will doubtless by the first of the new year have increased his enormous stock to between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

On her last trip, the craft stocked \$10,224, each man's share averaging \$327.

Capt. Goodwin, who is a young man, has been master from this port for several years, and has a most enviable record as a fish killer, and is known to every fisherman throughout New England. Within a few days, as soon as his craft is ready, he will start in the fall and winter market fishery, and it is the wish of his many friends that his good luck will continue.

Stocked \$5289 on Halibut Trip.

Capt. Daniel McDonald, better known as "Little Dan," who commands sch. Mooween, has the distinction of making the biggest stock this year, and in fact for several seasons, on a single halibut trip, stocking the handsome amount of \$5289.

Capt. McDonald disposed of his halibut at a fancy price, which gave the craft \$4500, while her salt cod brought up the proceeds to \$5289, the crew averaging \$138.20 to a man, which is good fishing indeed.

Other Good Stocks Recently Made.

Sch. Corona, Capt. Horace Wildes, made a good stock on her recent shack trip, the receipts being \$4555, on which the crew shared \$114 each.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, also did well on her recent trip, stocking \$4100, or \$100 to a man.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benum, which has just finished taking her fish from a second dory trip this year, is getting ready for another trip. Capt. Benum made a fine stock, amounting to \$9603.79, the high liner sharing \$250, and the average share of the crew being \$185.

Sch. Fanny A. Smith, Capt. Joseph V. Bonia, realized \$9220 from her recent fetched halibut trip, the crew sharing \$221.48.

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MACKEREL NEWS.

No Encouraging Reports From the Seining Fleet.

There is no encouraging news from the mackerel fleet the only seining arrival here this week being sch. Benj. A. Smith, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, which came in yesterday with 17 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll came in this forenoon with no fish. She immediately went on the ways and will change over to halibuting.

Tinker mackerel showed up again yesterday in small pods in Ipswich bay and some of the boats that went out fished some small catches. Steamer Bessie A. came in from the bay this morning with 280 fresh tinkers.

production of Charles Dickens' masterpiece, "David Copperfield," will be seen at the Union Hill theatre tonight. The production is staged under the personal supervision of Miss Holland, who presented "The Power Behind the Throne" at the theatre some two seasons ago. At



PEGOTTY'S DREAM.
Scene in "David Copperfield."

that time Miss Holland's production was called one of the best ever seen in this city and it is safe to say that those who take in "David Copperfield" tonight will be equally as well pleased as they were on the former occasion. The company, which numbers 20 people, is an extra strong one. Allan Dale, who is considered one of the foremost dramatic critics in the country, in his review of this production, at the Yorkville theatre, New York City, writes in part as follows: "I saw the dramatization in which all of Charles Dickens' splendid types, those unforgettable types of a great novel, which are captivatingly and exultantly set forth. It was delightful to welcome them." The same company of talented actors, and the same big scenic production in its entirety as seen by Mr. Dale in the great metropolis, will be seen by those who attend tonight at the Union Hill theatre. If you want to see one

case with "Slats," a York east side life, that sent at the Olympia week. Slats, the wif, Miss Gedle Morris, who self is a guarantee of other characters are taken as Brent, who appears the Blind Girl, and Fr as "Don, the Burglar," and Thomas, the William er of vaudeville, appear made a hit from the start derson and Thomas are in the art of dancing, a cute many new, novel steps. They are a com high merit and met with ception at their appeal day. Wallie Fitzgibbon artist, is there with the time, and he had the at the theatre yesterday laughter over his quaint humorous songs. He is high order, and plays o struments with exceptio ability.

The feature picture strong and interesting. "Comata, the Sioux," the love of an Indian cow boy, who after win deserts her for a white who has always loved t saves her from death. Hills and finally marry. Other pictures are "The Gods," "Fun in a Foto," "The Betrothed's Nig Awakened Conscience," toons," and "Pranks," a series of Travellats. Within the Arctic C discovery of the North. The illustrated song by Tony Ballucia is en is, My Wife Tonight?" Change of programme as usual, and Friday w Day, with extra attrac

FOUND WINDOW

Officer Curtis found s at Johnson's bakery at terday mornnig, and no prietor.

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